

Juggled Arms Data Charged By Symington

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (UPI)—Sen. Stuart Symington (D.-Mo.) charged today that the Administration has "juggled" its intelligence books on Soviet missile strength "so the budget books may be balanced."

Sen. Symington, a frequent critic of Administration defense policies, made the statement in a speech prepared for Senate delivery. He was Air Force Secretary under President Truman.

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An unavowed candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, Mr. Symington said he understood his accusation would be regarded as "politically motivated."

But he said he preferred that risk to the one involved in what he called an administration's "policy of misinformation."

"I charge this Administration with using intelligence information in such a manner that the American people have been given an inaccurate picture of what is necessary for our national defense," Mr. Symington said.

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He referred to the optimistic picture of America's defense potential given to Congressional committees recently by Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. Mr. Gates based his appraisal, in part, on new intelligence estimates of Russian strength.

Mr. Symington said the Administration has "proceeded to change the ground rules for evaluating the facts."

Central Intelligence Director Allen W. Dulles told a New

York audience last night that there is nothing new in the method being used to prepare estimates of Soviet missile strength. Mr. Dulles said new information has made it possible to make more accurate predictions of what Russia probably will do in the missile field.